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To the United States postal department,

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I am writing you this letter as a very concerned citizen and owner of two small businesses in Barnes City, Iowa. I am writing in regards to the possible closing of the Barnes City post office. As a small business owner it is going to be really hard to get the items and packages mailed I need to do for my businesses, if I have to go out of town to get stamps and to get my package weighed. As I don't use the flat rate boxes. It will have to travel to Montezuma or New Sharon to do this. And considering the price of gasoline which is supposed to go up in price by the summer I will be losing lot of money just driving to either of these towns to take care of my packages and to get stamps. As I don't have a computer at my house. I am writing this letter from my friend's house.

Another issue I have is that I don't want my mail sitting out by the road in cluster boxes for anyone to try and get. I also have mail that can not be in extreme cold or heat and in Iowa we have both temps. If these packages do sit outside they will be ruined, which means I will be losing more money as a small business owner. I also don't want my bills and bank statements out by the street for people to try and get. Some people in this town are not trustworthy. As the deliver driver does not always come at the same time everyday. And If I am working I can't go get the mail right away. I need my mail to be protected inside the building where it is temperature controlled.

Another concern of mine is I have a couple neighbors that are elderly and don't have a car to drive or a computer to get any information off of. I don't know how they are going to get anything mailed if it needs to be weighted or need stamps. There is not also someone around to take them and it will be an inconvenience for them to find someone to take them also.

Please really consider this letter and don't close the Barnes City, Iowa post office. It will make life much simpler if you didn't. And as our government isn't that wait you are supposed to do. Not to make life hard and more expensive to med to low income residents of my town.

Sincerely Concerned citizen and business owners,

Jennifer L. Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer L. Henry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.